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Whereas, The American Civic Education Teacher Award honors elementary and secondary civic education teachers "who have demonstrated special expertise in teaching about the U.S. Constitution, Congress, and public policy at the state and local levels";

Whereas, Christopher G. Cavanaugh was one of three teachers awarded the inaugural American Civic Education Teacher Award:

Whereas, Christopher G. Cavanaugh, who has been teaching social studies at Plainfield High School for 17 years, was recognized for his exemplary work in preparing young people to become informed and engaged citizens;

Whereas, The American Civic Education Teacher Award recipients are selected from letters of recommendation and the applicant's own statement that help the selection committee determine the teacher's command of the subject matter taught and the ability to communicate this knowledge to contribute to the students' civic knowledge, intellectual and participatory skills, and civic dispositions;

Whereas, In addition to the American Civic Education Teacher Award, Christopher G. Cavanaugh has received numerous awards and accolades, including the Corporation ROSE (Recognizing Outstanding School Employees) Award,



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the Plainfield Optimist Partners in Education Award for Outstanding Teaching, and the James Madison Senior Fellowship;

Whereas, Christopher G. Cavanaugh has a masters of arts in history with a focus on constitutional history from Butler University, a degree that is given to only one person per state each year;

Whereas, Christopher G. Cavanaugh has guided his classes through several "We the People" competitions, earning fifth place finishes the last three years, and hosted U.S. Congressional debates for the district in 2002 and 2004; and

Whereas, Christopher G. Cavanaugh is a shining example of an outstanding teacher whose dedication and tireless devotion to his students will help mold the children of our state into active and aware citizens: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates Christopher G. Cavanaugh on his selection as a recipient of the inaugural American Civic Education Teacher Award and expresses gratitude for his dedication to the students of Plainfield High School.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Christopher G. Cavanaugh and Scott Olinger, principal of Plainfield High School.



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